

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today said he appreciated President Obama finally joining the conversation about addressing the country's deficits, but that spending cuts and entitlement reforms – not tax hikes on small businesses – are the path to reducing the debt and creating jobs.

“Actions speak louder than words,” Rooney said. “The President who brought us the first three trillion dollar deficits in our nation's history, and who just recently proposed a budget blueprint that would add nearly \$10 trillion to our debt over the next ten years, is now calling for deficit reduction.

“After his first budget proposal, the President certainly needed mulligan, but unfortunately, his second attempt is little better than his first. He is still calling for trillions of dollars in new taxes, still has not offered any specific programs he'd be willing to cut, and still has not addressed entitlement reform in a meaningful way.”

“Washington does not have a tax problem, it has a spending problem. Raising taxes on hard-working Americans and small businesses to pay for Washington's out-of-control spending binge would not only be irresponsible, it would cost our workers jobs they cannot afford to lose.”

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